He plyes the Duke at morning and at night,
And doth impeach the freedome of the ſtate
If they deny him Iuſtice. Twenty Merchants,
The Duke himſelfe, and the Magnificos
Of greateſt port have all perſwaded with him,
But none can drive him from the envious plea
Of forfeiture, of Iuſtice, and his Bond.

Ieſſ. When I was with him, I have heard him ſwear
To *Tuball* and to *Chus*, his countrey-men,
That he would rather have *Anthonio's* fleſh
Then twenty times the value of the ſumme
That he did owe him: and I know my lord,
If Law, authority, and power deny not,
It will go hard with poore *Anthonio*.

Por. Is it your deere friend that is thus in trouble?

Baſſ. The deereſt friend to mee, the kindeſt man,
The beſt conditiond and unwearied ſpirit
In doing curteſies: and one in whom
The ancient Roman honour more appeares,
Then any that drawes breath in *Italy*.

Por. What ſumme owes he the Iew?

Baſſ. For me three thouſand Ducats.

Por. What no more, pay him ſix thouſand, and deface the bond,
Double ſix thouſand, and then treble that,
Before a friend of this deſcription
Shall loſe a haire through *Baſſanio's* fault.
First go with me to Church, and call me wife,
And then away to *Venice* to your friend;
For never ſhall you lie by *Portia's* ſide
With an unquiet ſoule. You ſhall have gold
To pay the petty debt twenty times over.
When it is paid, bring your true friend along,
My maid *Nerriſſa*, and my ſelfe meane time
Will live as Maides and Widdowes; come away,
For you ſhall hence upon your wedding day:
Bid your friends welcome, ſhow a merry cheere,
Since you are deere bought, I will love you deere.
But let me heare the letter of your friend.

Swee

Sweet Baſſanio, *my ſhips have all m*
cruell, my eſtate is very low, my bond to
paying it, it is impoſſible I ſhould live, a
and I, if I might but ſee you at my death
pleaſure, if your love do not perſwade yo

Por. O love! diſpatch all buſineſſe

Baſſ. Since I have your good leave
I will make haſte; but till I come aga
No bed ſhall ere be guilty of my ſtay,
Nor reſt be interpoſer twixt us twain

Enter the Iew, and Salerio
and the Iaylo

Iew. Iaylor, looke to him, tell not m
This is the foole that lent out money
Iaylor, looke to him.

Anth. Heare me yet good *Shylock*

Iew. Ile have my bond, ſpeak not a
I have ſworne an oath, that I will have
Thou'call'dſt me dog before thou had
But ſince I am a dog, beware my phan
The Duke ſhall grant me Iuſtice; I do
Thou naughty Iaylor that thou art ſo
To come abroad with him at his requ

An. I pray thee heare me ſpeak.

Iew. Ile have my bond, I will not
Ile have my bond, and therefore ſpeak
Ile not be made a ſoft and dull eyde fo
To ſhake the head, relent, and ſigh, and
To Chriſtian interceſſors: follow not,
Ile have no ſpeaking, I will have my

Sol. It is the moſt impenitrable cu
That ever kept with men.

An. Let him alone,
Ile follow him no more with bootleſ
He ſeeks my life, his reaſon well I kno
I oft delivered him his forfeitures.